

## THE ADVOCATE.

## Phantom Cannon.

Among the strangest of phenomena are the explosive noises that have been heard for years over half of the large area of the Ganges delta and that have not yet been assigned to any satisfactory cause. The noises, for the lack of a better name, have long been known as the Barisal guns, so called from Barisal, the chief town of the district to which they are mostly confined. The startling sounds were the subject of a long discussion at a meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, but the learned members are no nearer a solution of the mystery now than when it was first discussed and written about, nineteen years ago.

The sounds resemble the explosion of bombs or the thunder of heavy guns. They occur at quite regular intervals, but most frequently in the rainy season, and their usual accompaniment is a southerly wind. They are heard along 100 miles of the coast and up the many branches of the delta from 50 to 100 miles inland, and due north as far as the Garro hills, about 150 miles from the coast. The low lying, swampy coast region for fifty miles inland is thinly inhabited, and, strange as it may appear, no one ever seems to be at or near the place where the noises originate. The meeting of the Asiatic society was profligate of theories as to the cause of this phenomenon, but no theory was supported by evidence entitling it to much weight.

The noises are variously assigned to atmospheric electricity, to subterranean or subaqueous agencies, to the bursting of bamboos—which last, however, produces a noise more like the crack of musketry than the boom of artillery—and also to the breaking of the tremendous surf rollers along the northern shore of the Bay of Bengal, the sound of which, it is urged, is borne far inland among the river channels.—Boston Transcript.

## He Had Forgotten Something.

I was staying on the Riviera when the famous convulsion of 1888 occurred. I was awakened by a shock which dashed two pictures off the wall of my room and upset the washstand. While I was striking a match another shock strewn me and some chairs among some fragments of broken crockery. I had presence of mind enough to remember that during an earthquake you are no safer in the streets than in a covered building; so I dressed without mad precipitation, and after a desperate struggle to open my door—which had got jammed—walked down stairs. The sight was one never to be forgotten. Men, women and children in deshabille were huddled in the front hall, crying, shrieking and praying. Some had bolted out of doors with hardly any clothes on, and had made for the sea, where they clamored to be rowed out in open boats—about the worst thing they could do.

Among the panic stricken folk was an old gentleman in pyjamas, who had come down the stairs three steps at a time. But on reaching the hall he exclaimed that he had forgotten something and must go back. His friends shouted to him that the upper stories were dangerous; but he turned a deaf ear, bounded up stairs and presently returned panting. The thing which he had forgotten was his set of false teeth!—Cor. London Graphic.

## A Lively Race.

He was telling about the wind in one of the new states. The train was going in the same direction as the wind. "We came up with a party of section workmen on a handcar. They got off to let us pass, the train stopping in the meantime. Through some oversight the handcar was left alone for a moment and was whisked away by the wind. It gained rapid headway and before the workmen realized the fact it had a hundred yards' start and was just heading. The section superintendent ordered the gang to board the engine and then the train moved ahead after the fleeing car. The engineer went easy at first, thinking the little car would soon be recaptured. But no, the car was in for a race. So he opened the throttle and the big locomotive and cars dashed ahead at the rate of fifty miles an hour. It was a long chase and the conductor told me that we traveled over seventy miles to catch that handcar. I suppose the handcar would have beaten us into Chicago if it hadn't had a hot box. I tell you the wind is awful out there."—Brooklyn Eagle.

## Avenged His Friend.

Alderman Higgins is the owner of two handsome and valuable dogs. One is quite small, while the other is a good sized fellow. They are both well behaved and quiet. The other morning the little dog started up the street alone. Before he had gone far two other dogs met him and a fight ensued in which the little one was badly punished. After getting away he turned and went to the Higgins studio, where his big chum was reposing. A few moments later the larger dog wanted to go out; the door was opened and he darted up the street. Before going far he met the two dogs who had assailed the little one, and, in the language of the small boy, "he licked 'em both." Having accomplished this work, he went back to the studio wagging his tail and apparently much pleased at having avenged his comrade.—Bath (Me.) Enterprise.

Man is the only animal who craves ice-cold drinks in hot weather. The wiser instinct of all domestic animals prefers water near the temperature of the surrounding air in summer, and in cold weather that which is near the blood heat. Cows will often drink from some muddy pond while refusing clear water from a deep well. To get them to drink the latter it should be pumped several hours before using and allowed to warm all it will in the sun.

The laws of health are taught in our schools; but not in a way to be of much practical benefit and are never illustrated by living examples, which in many cases could easily be done. If some scholar, who had just contracted a cold was brought before the school, so that all could hear the dry loud cough, and know its significance; see the thin white coating on the tongue and later, as the cold develops, see the profuse watery expectoration and thin watery discharge from the nose, not one of them would ever forget what the first symptoms of a cold were. The scholar should then be given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely, that all might see that even a severe cold could be cured in one or two days, or at least greatly mitigated, when properly treated as soon as the first symptoms appear. For sale by T. G. Julian.

The Christian Union closes an argument in favor of closing the Columbia Exposition on Sundays with these sufficiently liberal words:

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Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat.—W. L. Davis, Liberty Hill, La.

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family, and consider it the best I have ever tried.—W. J. Flowers, Doraville, Ga. 50 cent bottles for sale by T. G. Julian.

Major Edward Rice, of the 19th Massachusetts Volunteers, now Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry in the regular army and aide-de-camp to Gen. Miles, has been formally decorated with the Congressional medal of honor. The medal is in recognition of his exceptional valor in repelling Pickett's charge at Bloody Gap on the third day of the battle at Gettysburg, saving the national capital from falling into the hands of General Lee.

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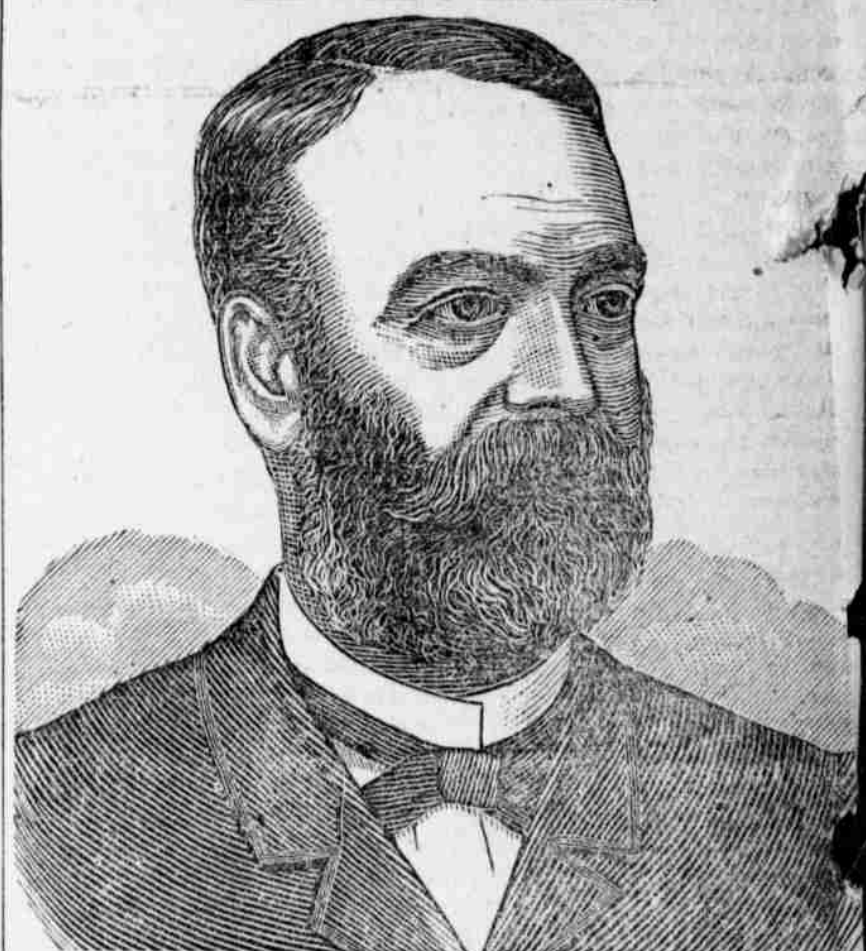
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